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SUBJ: FONOFF CONCERN OVER STATEMENT IN PRESIDENT' S FOREIGN
POLICY REPORT

SUMMARY: FONOFF HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER BELIEVED
INACCURATE STATEMENT IN PRESIDENT' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT.
END SUMMARY.

1. HARAGUCHI, DEPUTY CHIEF, SECOND NORTH AMERICAN SECTION,
NORTH AMERICAN BUREAU, FONOFF, CALLED EMBOFF AT 2300 HOURS
APRIL 4 TO EXPRESS FONOFF CONCERN OVER BELIEVED INACCURATE
STATEMENT IN PRESIDENT' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT. PORTION OF
REPORT CAUSING CONCERN IS FOLLOWING SENTENCE IN JAPAN SECTION,
QUOTE LAST JULY, IN PREPARATION FOR MY SUMMIT MEETING WITH
PRIME MINISTER TANAKA, HIGH- LEVEL BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AT
HAKONE, JAPAN, PRODUCED IMPORTANT MEASURES OF LIBERALIZATION OF
ACCESS TO THE JAPANESE MARKET AND COMMITMENTS TO INCREASE
JAPANESE PURCHASES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, CIVIL AIRCRAFT,
URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES, AND MILITARY ITEMS FROM THE UNITED
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STATES. UNQTE. HARAGUCHI STATED FONOFF CONCERNED OVER REFERENCE TO MILITARY ITEMS SINCE NO SUCH AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED AT EITHER HAKONE OR HAWAII. HARAGUCHI STATED THAT HE HAD TELEPHONED SECOND NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CHIEF UKAWA, NOW IN U. S. WITH VICE MINISTER TSURUMI FOR MAY 7 TRADE TALKS, TO ADVISE HIM OF U. S. STATE-MENT. UKAWA REPORTEDLY CALLED STR DEPUTY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE MALMGREN WHO CONFIRMED JAPANESE VIEW THAT NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON QUOTE MILITARY ITEMS UNQTE. HARAGUCHI STATED JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON WILL RAISE MATTER WITH DEPT.

2. HARAGUCHI EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES SUBJECT STATEMENT COULD CAUSE GOJ IN DIET. HE STATED THAT TO PRESENT HE HAD NO REPORTS THAT ANYONE IN JAPAN HAD FOCUSED ON STATEMENT, BUT FELT SURE THAT THIS SITUATION WOULD NOT CONTINUE. HE MADE NO SPECIAL REQUEST FOR ACTION ON PART OF US GOVERNMENT, ONLY REQUESTED THAT AMBASSADOR AND E/ MIN EDMOND BE ADVISED OF GOJ CONCERN.

3. COMMENT: SO FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE, NO AGREEMENT REACHED AT HAKONE ON INCREASED GOJ PURCHASES OF MILITARY ITEMS. REFERENCE IN FOREIGN POLICY REPORT MAY HAVE BEEN TO PURCHASE, FOLLOWING HAKONE MEETING, OF HELICOPTERS BY MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY. THESE PURCHASES ARE, HOWEVER, NOT CONSIDERED BY GOJ TO BE MILITARY PURCHASES. EMBASSY BELIEVES, THEREFORE, THAT BEST COURSE, SHOULD WE BE QUERIED BY PRESS ON THIS POINT, WOULD BE FOR DEPT. AND EMBASSY TO CONFIRM THAT NO RPT NO AGREEMENT

ON PURCHASE MILITARY ITEMS REACHED AT EITHER HAKONE OR HAWAII.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT REQUESTED ADVISE EMBASSY ASAP OF POSITION TO BE TAKEN IN RESPONSE PRESS QUERIES THIS SUBJECT. INGERSOLL

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